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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.
NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOSWOLD, Melbourne and Sydney.
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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. E. BELLIOS, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.
At 3 months' notice 8% per annum.
" 6 " " 5% " "
" 12 " " 4% " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES of INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, £750,000.
RESERVE FUND, £151,560.10.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.
Present Rate of Discount for approved short sight acceptances, 6% per annum.
Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH AND DEED BOXES.
RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY.
MAPPIN BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.
WATERLOW'S & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK.
BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.
TABLE GLASSWARE & CROCKERY.
BRUSH-WARE of all kinds.
ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S

CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in kegs.

Family MESS BEEF in kegs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA and

PEA NUTS, &c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

"O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY

(Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kilderkins and Hhds.

CLARET, in Cask.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 7th August, 1878, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—

Sundry Condemned Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising—

Old Wrought Iron, Hoses, Glass, Rags, Boots, Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Peas, Tobacco.

Flannel, Duck, Serge, Shoes.

Library Books, Implements, etc., etc.

And,

1 Iron Lathe.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon on

TUESDAY,

the 20th of August next,—

All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., situate at the Port of TAMAU, FORMOSA, and known as the PAOU-SHEN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1 consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.,

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to

ELLES & Co.,

Tamau, 28th July, 1878.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

HESSE & Co.,

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.,

China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.,

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.

CARBOLIC ACID; the best disinfectant.

PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.

KEELER'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAFE-TIERES.

CURCIER and ADER'S CLARETS.

Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

French JAMS.

Scotch OATMEAL.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.

TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

French SUMMER SHOES.

CHRISTY'S HATS.

Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

PEARS' TOILET SOAP.

English HAMS.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY.

CHOICE PORT for Invalids.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

CURACAO MARASCHINO, and CHARTREUSE.

HENDRIES' PERFUMERY.

Bass's ALE, by Foster, highly recommended for purity, and the extreme Care used in Bottling.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.

SAYLE & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

OUR ANNUAL SALE of SURPLUS SUMMER STOCK will Commence on WEDNESDAY, August 7th, and be Continued for 23 DAYS ONLY.

MAGNIFICENT FANCY SILKS, Reduced to \$1.00 per Yard.

PLAIN COLOURED FRENCH SILKS, " 65 Cents.

BEST QUALITY JAPANESE SILKS, " 50 "

FANCY GRENADINE DRESS GOODS.

WHITE MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

COLOURED MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

LAWNS, HOLLANDS, GINGHAMS.

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

COTTON and THREAD ROSE,

HANDKERCHIEFS,

COLLARS and CUFFS,

At about Half Price.

Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS and BONNETS,

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACE GOODS,

At less than Cost Price.

A Lot of HANDSOMELY TRIMMED French and English-made UNDER-LINEN, at One Quarter of former Prices.

A Lot of CORSETS, Best-make and Shape, quite perfect at \$1.50.

15,000 Yards of REMNANTS, comprising—FLANNELS, PRINTS, CALICOES, &c., &c., at ridiculously low prices.

A few Baskets of RIBBON REMNANTS, marked Exceedingly Cheap.

This Extraordinary SALE will terminate on September 1st.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be carried on as usual during the Sale.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd, to THURSDAY, the 15th August next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BORSOWE, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000

Surplus \$5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

CAPE D'AGUILAR LIGHT-HOUSE.

WANTED.

THIRD LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER.

Salary Forty Dollars a Month.

Candidates should send in their Names to the Colonial Secretary before the 15th of August, giving particulars of Age and previous Services, together with Testimonials.

A knowledge of Chinese Colloquial is desirable. Further particulars can be obtained upon application to the Harbour Master.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers, on TUESDAY, August 20th, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th August, both days included.

By Order of the Board,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

Shipping.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have been temporarily REMOVED to the Premises in DUNDRELL STREET, formerly occupied by Messrs. NIXON & Co.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "HESPERIA."

PAULSEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO.

IS NOW OPEN.

HOURS FOR SITTING: EVERY DAY FROM 7 TILL 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

MR. H. SCHÜREN respectfully requests all Persons desiring to have their Portraits, to notice with the earlier hours for sitting, as the only means to obtain, during the present Season, those fine half tints and details so much admired, especially in White Dresses. Photos taken after 10 o'clock a.m. cannot be guaranteed to be to every satisfaction.

The Atelier cannot be open for more than Two Months.

NOVELTY.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S NEW SALOON PICTURES.

THE FINEST PRESENTS TO BE CHOSEN.

No Really Elegant Drawing Room should be without them.

MR. SCHÜREN has much pleasure in introducing in this Colony, the new Style of Photos which undoubtedly will find admirers amongst the intelligent. The new Saloon Picture is unrivalled for its effects in artistic lighting and its beautiful details, especially for LADY'S EVENING DRESSES and every kind of Embroidered and Plain White Dresses.

Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it has become known to the Proprietors of Dr. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE, that a Medicine, emanating from an unscrupulous London firm, is exported to India and China, and sold to purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne:

1st.—That Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.
2nd.—The words "Dr. BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.
3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentee are printed on the label of every case.
4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case, without which none can POSSIBLY be genuine.

English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madrasse, Bengalee, Chinese and Japanese.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is the Only Reliable Remedy for Nervous and Liver Complaints AND ALL Functional Derangements.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is patronised by the aristocracy and the elite, extensively used in the army and navy, and strongly recommended by the leading Medical Practitioners.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the Globe.

N.B.—Ask for DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE, and do not be persuaded to take any useless and possibly dangerous substitute.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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STEAMER CITY OF SANTIAGO, FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs. NORTON & Co. into Messrs. TUNNEY & Co.'s Praya Godown, whence delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark MANILA 11, GONZA, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel. Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the American Bark "BENEFACITOR," from New York, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Moray having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Arratoon, Captain A. B. MacTAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. DIEMNAH.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Diemnah, and Copernic, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 5th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

TH 1644, Mr. L. Thevenin, from 1 case Ink, Marseilles.

B No. 419/21 Order, 15 Cases of Wine, Marseilles.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "KARO," T. COLLING, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY Next, the 11th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATON APCAR," Captain A. B. MacTAVISH, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.

The 41 French Bark "MADEIRINE," PATRAT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

TO LET.

(With possession from 1st September next.) THE COMMODORE'S PREMISES, known as "DEWILD," Stryker Road, at present in the occupation of the Hon. G. Z. PHILIPPO. Apply to LINSTEAD & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Speke Hall having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods and Opium are being landed by Messrs. NORTON & Co. into Messrs. TUNNEY & Co.'s Praya Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.

THE GENUINE APOLLINARIS WATER.

In Cases of 50 large Stone Bottles, 80 per Case.

In Cases of 50 small Stone Bottles, 60 per Case.

Ex Steamship "Ara." In Cases of 8 dozen White Pint Bottles, 615 per Case.

WIELEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Room, Praya, on FRIDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon,—

SILK UMBRELLAS, Purses, Key-rings, Riding Whips, Hammers, Keyless Clocks, Engravings, Wine Glasses, Tumblers, Pistols, Porcelain Flower Vases, 8 cases Port Wine, &c., &c.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

STORAGE OF COAL.

COAL LADEN VESSELS can be Discharged alongside the WANCHAI PIER and their Cargoes stored in Godowns of same at Current Rates. For particulars, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 6, Chookee, British barque, from Whampoa.

Aug. 6, Killarney, British steamer, 1060, O'Neill, Melbourne, Sydney, and Newcastle (N.S.W.) July 16, Coal.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Aug. 6, Quang-On, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Aug. 6, Speke Hall, British steamer, 1780, Wm. Brand, Singapore Aug. 1, General.—BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 6, Tanais, for Yokohama.

Aug. 6, Argentina, for Foochow.

Aug. 6, Areola, for Calcutta.

Aug. 6, Keratou, for Ningpo.

Aug. 6, Oceania, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Aug. 6, Olympia, for Swatow.

Aug. 6, Conquest, for Hoihow & Haiphong.

Aug. 6, Dymally, for Shanghai.

Aug. 6, Paros, for Singapore, &c.

Aug. 6, Fair Leader, for Yokohama.

CLARKE.

Norden, for Nagasaki.

San Francisco, for Hoihow.

Paragua, for Manila.

Charon, for Shanghai.

Frederick, for Calcutta.

Tokato, for Vancouver's Island.

B. Von Middelberg, for Surabaya.

Rajasthanianhar, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

Per Killarney, from Melbourne, &c., Mrs. and Miss O'Neill.

Per Speke Hall, from Singapore, 3 Cabin, and 88 deck.

DEPARTED.

Per Oceania, for Yokohama, Capt. W. F. Curtis, R.A., Agent, Commissary General J. Moore, and one Chinese, for San Francisco.

Per Keratou, for Ningpo, 61 Chinese.

Per Olympia, for Swatow, 76 Chinese.

Per Conquest, for Hoihow and Haiphong, 50 Chinese.

Per Paros, for Straits, 193 Chinese.

TO STRAITS.

Per Norden, for Nagasaki, 4 Europeans.

Per Paragua, for Manila, 4 Europeans.

Per Rajasthanianhar, for Bangkok, 111 Chinese and 1 European.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNIS LOWWAY, British barque, Captain B. Gales.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1878.

The meaning of the telegram we publish in another column, with reference to Lord Hartington's motion, is that the House of Commons has expressed its approval of the policy of the British Government on the Eastern Question by the overwhelming majority of 338 votes to 185.

Lord Hartington's motion, of which notice was given on the 20th July, is thus referred to in the telegrams published by our Indian contemporaries:—"The Marquis of Hartington has given notice of a motion in the House of Commons to the effect that it is a cause for rejoicing that the European Congress has resulted in the maintenance of peace, but regretting the incomplete settlement of the Greek claims, the undefined responsibility incurred and which is unknown to Parliament."

This motion was no doubt the form in which the Liberal party, or rather a section of it, carried out their promise of challenging the policy of the Government. Its fate must be a crushing blow for the Gladstonian section, and a great triumph for the Government.

It seems from an official statement in the House of Commons on the 11th July that about 10,000 troops are to occupy Cyprus, consisting of the Indian contingent sent to Malta, and a few British battalions. Sir Garnet Wolsley, who will be the first Governor of the Island, has already started for his destination, with 7,000 of the 10,000 troops. According to the Daily News the stay of the Indian troops at Cyprus will be only temporary, the intention being to keep only a small permanent garrison of British troops on the Island, who will be assisted by a local militia, which is to be formed.

Whether, however, a large garrison be maintained on the island or a small one, it is pretty certain that some extensive fortifications will be erected there. Cyprus was avowedly occupied by British troops as a set-off, on the part of England, to the Russian aggressions in Turkey; it is to be a new British outpost in the Mediterranean—a sort of vantage ground from which the Russian Bear can be watched, and where warlike operations can be organised, should the necessity for them again arise, without Turkey being bothered for the loan of an island for the purpose, and the permission to occupy it being "negotiated" with the other states in Europe.

The statement of the Standard that a reduction in the fleet on the China Station is in contemplation, means no more, we presume, than that the occasion for the presence of the Shannon, Ruby and Diamond in the Far East having passed, these vessels are likely to be immediately ordered home again—a step that must have been generally anticipated.

While dealing with Reuter's telegrams we may also correct one or two errors in the advices published here a week or two ago. The telegram stating that "the Reserves are to be disbanded at the Cape on the 31st July, in accordance with the terms of the Amnesties," should have been two separate advices, as follows:—"The Reserve Forces" (in the United Kingdom) "will be disbanded on the 31st July" and "Latest advices from Cape Town announce that H. E. the Governor has granted an amnesty to the insurgent natives." Again, the telegram asserting that "the Pontifical Intermunio to England has been meditated," should have read "It is stated that the Pope meditates sending a Pontifical Intermunio to England."

THE P. & O. S. S. Kashgar, with the outward mails, left Singapore for this port at 5 a.m. on Sunday, the 4th inst.

THE "Old Thespian" controversy may now, we think, be very well brought to a close. "An Old Pedestrian's" letter savours much of "Mark Twain."

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

Shipping.

2 p.m.—Hesperia leaves for Shanghai.

2 p.m.—Lyle leaves for Manila.

2 p.m.—Amsterdam leaves for Samarang on about this date.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.") (By Southern Route.)

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Lord Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury have been entertained at a Banquet and been presented with the freedom of the City of London.

Lord Beaconsfield, in a speech, stated he believed that peace would be durable.

The Russian Army are making preparations for proceeding Homewards.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TOTAL LOSS OF THE GERMAN BARQUE "EMMA."

Messrs. Olyphant & Co. have received information regarding the loss of the German barque Emma, Captain Grau, which occurred at 8 a.m. on the 1st instant, 15 miles East of Chapel Island.

The Emma was bound to Macassar, via this port, and at the time and place above mentioned came into collision with the British barque The Goodwin, Captain Torkilson, also bound to this port with a cargo of Coal from Nagasaki. The Emma was out right down, and sank almost immediately, but fortunately no lives were lost. The Goodwin put into Amoy and landed the Captain and crew of the unfortunate vessel. We understand that Captain Grau has lodged a formal protest against The Goodwin, and a Court of Enquiry will probably be held at Amoy to determine which vessel is to blame for the accident.

INQUEST.

The adjourned inquest on the bodies of Wong Aik and Chan Aohih was resumed this afternoon at the Magistracy before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.). The first committed suicide by cutting his throat, and the second by hanging himself. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs F. R. Steil, M. Pagnin, and T. Ide Fowler. The Jury returned a verdict of *fole de se* in both cases. Another inquest was held, at the Civil Hospital on the body of a woman who was accidentally drowned by falling out of a boat at Shau-ki-wan. The Jury, comprising Messrs R. G. Alford, J. J. Durriuk, and F. H. de Azevedo, returned a verdict of accidental death.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before the Hon. J. Russell.) August 2, 1878.

Vogel and another v. Doncaster, \$852.27.—This was a claim to recover from defendant (who is master of the schooner Hopeful) a sum of money paid by Messrs Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. (plaintiffs) on a bill of exchange drawn by Messrs Robey Brothers & Co. of Sydney on the plaintiffs against freight, and accepted by defendant. The money had been advanced by the Sydney firm on behalf of a Mr. A. Bearn, who had chartered the vessel, but had since become insolvent; the original charter was never carried out, while defendant refused to retire the bill on his arrival here on another charter; hence the action. It was contended in defence, that plaintiffs' claim would hold good against Robey Brothers & Co., not against the Captain.

His Lordship gave judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, for whom appeared Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson. Mr. Draxton (by Mr. Wotton) appeared for defendant.

August 6, 1878.

Chn Wong v. Marques, Jun, \$95.75.—This suit, which was a dispute concerning the value of a quantity of furniture supplied, had been submitted to Aho, the Chinese carpenter, for arbitration. In accordance with the award, judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$93.05, amount awarded, with costs.

C. B. Plunket v. D. Brown, \$16.50; Same v. Bleeker, \$3.—Plaintiff in official assize in estate of Tong Ayut, and suits in that capacity. Cases adjourned till to-morrow.

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. C. May.) August 6, 1878.

EXCISE TO MAKE REFRACTORY SERVANTS.

Kwo Amun, a chair-coolie, was charged by his employer Mr. R. J. Flato with being insolent and refractory.

Mr. Flato stated: I reside at Overbeck Court, Mosque Street. The defendant is one of my chair-coolies, he has been with me two months. I had been out in my chair and returned home at noon. I then told the defendant that I wanted the chair ready at 1 o'clock. I did not call for the chair until 1 p.m., but the defendant was then doing something to his sandals and delayed me so that I told him not to mind his sandals, but carry the chair. When I got inside the chair I noticed that defendant had the sandals in his hands. I did not like this, and told him to leave them in the house. He then threw the sandals into the passage of the house where my wife was standing, at the same time making use of obscene language. He continued to grumble, and then I got out of the chair and threatened to strike him, and he grumbled still more. Then he put down the chair, and picked up a piece of wood, challenging me to "come on." I then did strike the defendant, to get the firewood from him, and a constable arrived at this juncture, and gave him into custody.

Defendant stated: The chair was ready at 1 o'clock and when the complainant came out I was putting on my sandals. The complainant seeing this, ordered me to carry the chair. I had the sandals in my hand, and the complainant told me to put them down. I said that I could not walk without them, but nevertheless I put them down as I was ordered to do so. The complainant then accused me of grumbling, and struck and kicked me.

Mr. May discharged the defendant.

to draw his knife when the Captain was going to put him in irons. The case was remanded until 3 p.m. o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday), defendant being released on bail.

Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)
August 6, 1878.

WILLFULLY DAMAGING SHIP'S PROPERTY.
Antonio Spavante and Antonio Boleino, seamen British ship *Arctic*, were charged with willfully and maliciously damaging ship's property while the ship was at sea. Captain Klenofth said that on several occasions the defendants had willfully and maliciously destroyed and damaged ship's property and stores. They had damaged (by cutting it) a fore-top-sail, capsize a cask of varnish containing about 16 gallons, knocked the panels out of the bulwarks and thrown a large chafing mat over the side. The damage he estimated to be about \$45.26.

Julius Augustin Franklin, an able seaman, said he was on the top-sail yard with the 1st defendant; they were ready to pick up the sail, when defendant took out his knife and cut the sail across the cloth. He had also seen defendant going round with an iron belaying-pin knocking portions of the top gallant rail overboard, affording it to be broken by the sea, and the fore-castle. He had seen the 2nd defendant throw a mat overboard, which measured 4 feet by 2 feet. He had also seen him on one occasion go down the fore-hatch and come up all over coal-dust, and said he had been to the varnish barrel. The cask of varnish was subsequently found to have been capsize.

McDonnell, another A. B., gave corroborative evidence. He said:—One night I was standing under the top gallant fore-castle. I was in the dark and 1st defendant was in the light; I saw him pull a piece of the bulwark off. It had been broken before by the sea, but he broke it more.

Bernhard Anderson, sworn, stated:—I am an able seaman on board the *Arctic*. I have seen the defendants destroy the bulwarks on several occasions, and use the broken pieces for making seats. I have seen them make three seats and a wash-board. The wash-board was made for the comfort of all hands. I have seen the sail cut out by the sea. I heard Spavante say he had lost his knife. I have seen the 2nd prisoner in possession of ship's property.

The 2nd prisoner told me that he intended to go down below and seize a cask of varnish, and that he was seized. He said he had a grudge against the ship; there was plenty of varnishing, and painting, and scraping, and he would stop the varnishing. He told me he had capsize the varnish and about half an hour afterwards the fore-hatch was taken off and there was a small of varnish. I did not think it my duty to report to the officers; in fact, I did not consider it safe to do so. I had heard him threaten several times to use a knife. He said he would fight like a Grog. There was no such thing as fair fighting with him. He kicked a boy in the jaw.

1st defendant denied that he cut the top-sail, and said he was working at the top-sail the day after it was cut and lost his knife then. He admitted that he took two or three pieces of the bulwarks which were so much gone that he pulled them off with his hands. All the men in the ship had a spite against him and the 2nd defendant.

2nd defendant denied all knowledge of the varnish; he was seen going down below; he went to get a piece of wood to make a seat; it was only a spiteful charge against him. He acknowledged throwing the mat overboard.

Anderson, recalled, said he would positively swear that 2nd defendant said he had capsize the varnish, and he would positively swear that he had seen 1st defendant use a belaying pin to knock off pieces of the bulwarks.

Franklin, recalled, said he would positively swear he saw the 1st defendant cut the top-sail; he was alongside of him at the time.

Captain Klenofth said the damage was roughly \$13 to the bulwarks and \$3.75 for the mat.

His Worship ordered 1st defendant (Spavante) to forfeit \$15 for the damage done to bulwarks, and \$15 for cutting the top-sail; and 2nd defendant to forfeit \$3.75 for the mat, and \$5.00 for capsize the varnish; in addition to which they were sentenced to one month's hard labour each.

STRANGE CONDUCT.

Thomas Brown, seaman British barque *Glamorgan*, was charged with being drunk and assaulting the chief officer of the British ship *Taunton* on the 4th instant. It appears that defendant went on board the *Taunton* and walked on to the poop. He held out his hand as if to shake hands with the chief officer and suddenly changing his intention struck the complainant and became very violent. The Captain of the *Taunton* came on board at this time, and defendant then attempted to strike him. He was pacified after much difficulty.

Defendant said he knew nothing of what had occurred after he left the shore. Fined \$5.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

James Robertson, seaman British barque *Bertha*, was charged with refusal of duty, and was ordered to be taken on board his ship.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, 5th August.
Sir,—Every thing appears to be at a premium now-a-days in our little Colony. Some of the stocks of our "local enterprises" are indeed at a high premium, and I think we are once more approaching the days of Premchand Royclund's speculation; but the stock of one unfortunate company—Hongkong Hotel—is still at a discount, and at a large one too. Like a clerk's income, the resources of the institution appear to be circumscribed. Poor Hotel! where are thy promoters!

In addition to the suggestions I made the other day, I have also to suggest the quotation in your daily issue, of escaped galleys. These were once at a large discount, but are now at a premium! How has this been brought about? I should like to know what the great speaker at our public meetings has to say regarding this. I mean the gentleman who is sharp-witted, and has a flow of high sentiment.

Those who are already at a premium to those who aspire to no higher position than that of scribe. And I should not be at all

surprised that the necessities of life will be at a premium also.
Happy Hongkong! Thy days of prosperity are being revived, under the administration of the much-bombarded Governor Hennessey, and with the increase of Chinese houses in the midst of those of foreign residences.
Yours do.
X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
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Sir,—The pugacious and belligerent "Thesplan" is on the war path again. Scarcely had the sounds of grief and lamentation for the departure of our old and esteemed friend "The Old Thesplan," when in valises the "Old Thesplan," as fresh as the flowers of May, that are so gay, as around them we play, and with the impetuous and combative cheek of an army major, he fills up a column of your priceless paper, which otherwise might have been devoted to the Canton Market Report, or to something light and interesting in the way of a freight circular, or an account from Mr Rivington of "What I know about banks."

These might be swallowed and digested; men of sound organization and perfect health, whose constitutions have not been weakened by early intemperance, have been known to get away with them and live—but not often.

You observe, Mr Editor, how gracefully and easily he slides into his subject. He has lost none of his old force and vigor. During his long and grateful silence, the simple purity and high-toned elegance of language with which he has adorned and vanquished his antagonist is something quite rare in these degenerate days of journalism. It is easy to be seen that he graduated in the old school of politeness, and went through the highest classes—clean out on the roof most probably. He opens fire on these young and indiscreet correspondents from the beginning, and makes it very warm for them indeed. He says, "The signatures attached to these charming billets clearly indicate the feeble minds of the writers," and "The gentleman who mistakes his blatant vulgarity for polished wit." What could be more quietly, smoothly, elegantly, courteously sarcastic than this! Shakespeare probably could not have written like it, or even if he could he didn't. He knew better.

The English people were not accustomed to stand much foolishness in these days. There seems to be one grave difficulty in his way: he hasn't room to spread himself. Why not allow him, Mr Editor, four or five columns every day, and in six or seven years, if you gave him his head, he might explain all his views to us, solemnly and fully, and point out to us where we are in the wrong, and give us the benefit of his long experience.

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It will be remembered that in his former letter to you "K. A. T. E." made what I consider an altogether unjustifiable and somewhat offensive series of references to me on the subject of some portion of Dr Silvester's entertainment. Not having, at that time, either seen the performance in question, or written a line regarding it, it is hard to see on what grounds my name was dragged into the controversy at all. The only answer I vouchsafed to my assailant was a well-meant word of advice on his ungrammatical letter. I positively declined to lower myself by engaging in any argument with him, and any sensible person would have taken the rebuff in the Pickwickian spirit in which it was given, and there the matter would have ended. Not so your belligerent correspondent, however, for he returns to the fray just as effectively, and almost as ungrammatically as before.

Your correspondent states candidly that his offensive references to "An Old Thesplan" the other night, were made simply with the intention of eliciting some information respecting the "Entranced Lady," as he felt sure that my knowledge of things in general would "include Memerism and Spiritualism." This is a kind of cock and bull declaration which, after referring to "K. A. T. E.'s" former letter, I find has not even the merit of being ingenious, much less truthful. Had it been as he states, surely he would have been ashamed to own the adoption of such a contemptible expedient to obtain information from a person with whom he was entirely unacquainted, and who had made no pretensions to have any knowledge of the subjects whatsoever!

The four paragraphs devoted to your correspondent to personal abuse of myself, although altogether apart from any opinions I have ever advanced, or any pretensions I have ever assumed, require no notice at my hands. They bear their own condemnation. When, however, "K. A. T. E." attempts to question the veracity of my assertion, that I had seen the "Entranced Lady" trick thoroughly explained at the Polytechnic, he goes just one step too far. My assertion was couched in the following language:—"As I have not witnessed the Doctor's performance . . . but if the 'Beautiful Entranced Lady' is the same trick performed by the 'Fakir of Oulu' at the Oxford Music Hall, London, a few years ago, I know it well in every detail, as I was not only mystified by the Fakir at the Oxford, but had the pleasure of seeing the apparent mystery thoroughly explained at the Polytechnic." Your correspondent gives me the lie direct in this style:—"As far as 'Old Thesplan's' assertion goes that he had the pleasure of seeing the apparent mystery explained at the Polytechnic, I can assure you on good authority that Dr Silvester, who is the Fakir Oulu, never gave an explanation at that building beyond what he gave to the public of Hongkong . . . The absurdity is so apparent that I am surprised how an 'Old Thesplan,' as 'Old Thesplan' wishes to be thought, could have fallen into the error of making them." Your correspondent might have stated on good authority, like myself, who will "rush into print and notoriety," and against the literary lance of "Old Thesplan," and who have never had much dramatic experience in London, and who don't know Mr Stephen Adams from a crow?

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I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
AN OLD THESPIAN.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF HONGKONG.

The New Zealand Times and the New Zealand Mail publish some lengthy correspondence from a gentleman, connected with the New Zealand newspapers, who evidently made himself thoroughly acquainted with the features and circumstances of this Colony during an excursion here from New Zealand. His letters occupy many columns of the Wellington papers, and are fully descriptive of the Colony, as well as of the voyage up. We make a few extracts from them referring to Hongkong:

In my last I promised to give your readers a description of Hongkong. Now, there is every probability of a steady trade being opened up between that colony and some of the treaty-ports of China and New Zealand, thanks to that very enterprising firm in Wellington, Messrs. W. and G. Turnbull and Co., to whom the people of New Zealand, and more especially those in the Wellington province, are indebted for direct shipments of new season's teas, which are chosen by some of the best tasters in China; and a host of other household necessities too numerous to particularize. The *May* has been trading to Hongkong for the last five years; but I believe she is to be taken off to give place to a larger vessel, which the firm is exporting from England.

Behind Wanchai is a beautiful spot named Happy Valley; on the hills overlooking it are some very large and handsome private residences. It is a delightful walk up the valley, a canal runs up part of the way for the purpose of draining it; clumps of trees are planted here and there, while the walks and carriage-drive have rows of trees on either side. At the head of the valley is the Hongkong Racecourse, a place about half as large again as the Wellington Basin Reserve; there are two grand stands on the grounds, besides training stables. On the south side of the course, and on the side of the hill, stands the cemetery. A stone wall 8 feet high encloses it, and a very massive iron gate is erected in the centre. It is beautifully laid out, with a large variety of trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers. Some steps and winding footpaths lead up to the higher portions of the grounds, while in the centre is a very handsome fountain. Below a pretty little church is seen peeping out among the thick foliage. Everything is kept in a first-class order—not a leaf to be seen on the rocks, and the shrubs, &c., are kept well trimmed by a large staff of Chinese, whose gardening qualifications are well known, especially in the colonies. Were it not for the numerous monuments and headstones one would think it was a garden attached to a gentleman's house, so tastefully is everything arranged. These monuments, &c., give it a melancholy yet withal a peaceful appearance. Acting thus on the mind, one is inclined to think "here could I rest in peace." The majority of the monuments have been erected in memory of the soldiers and sailors who fell during the siege of Canton and other places in China, by their surviving comrades. Some of the headstones are very elegant, and many of the inscriptions on them quaint and original; several, besides enumerating the many good qualities of the deceased, state the line of business he had followed prior to departing this life. Speaking of monuments and headstones reminds me of a couple of signboards I saw in the Queen's-road on returning from the cemetery. The following is a verbatim copy of what was on some of them:—"Mow King, Tombstones, engraved. Monuments and headstones erected with perfection." "Sing Hing Mow, stonemason, &c., erect most handsome monuments over the grave of anyone." I felt inclined to patronize the last named tradesman owing to his very liberal offer.

The harbor, as I mentioned before, is large, and good anchorage is to be found in any part of it. Ships and steamers anchor wherever they can get a good berth, but they must not encroach on the man-of-war station, which is at the east or Wanchai end, and immediately opposite Government House, and close to the military and naval stores and barracks. There are six docks and three patent slips. The largest, I believe, are the Cosmopolitan Docks, the proprietors of which are W. B. Spratt and Co., and whose active manager is an old Auckland man, who did good service for New Zealand during the Maori war. The length of the dock is 600 ft., beam, 90 ft.; depth of water, 24 ft. 6 in. The largest ship taken up was the steamer *City of Peking*, which is some 600 tons register.

The following statistics, culled from the latest Government records, which a gentleman in the Registrar-General's office kindly supplied me with, will perhaps be interesting as showing the number of persons and places that are crowded into an area somewhat less than that of Wellington:

European and American population 2767
Chinese population 84,426
" in villages and at Kowloon 16,230
" boat population 27,745
" in employ of English 6516
" police 309
European 115
Indian 184
British military 1288
" naval 2578
Indian military 71
Licensed chairs 700
" sampans, cargo boats, junks, &c. 8468
Public and private buildings, including military and naval barracks 2827

Besides the licensed chairs, there are a large number of private ones; every mercantile house has three or four, and I believe nearly every private house possesses at least one, so that the total number of chairs will not be far short of 1000. Looking at the Chinese boat population, and the number of boats, it will be seen that there is an average of nearly 30 persons to each boat. I noticed as many as three generations in one boat; but this is not at all surprising, as

the Chinese marry very young. The only surprising thing about it is how they all get a living, seeing that there are such a large number of them, and the remuneration exceedingly small. For 10 cents a sampan will take you to any part of the harbor; the fare is double at night; and one can be had for the whole day for 75 cents. They seldom leave their boats, except it be to purchase their daily necessities, which can be got by crossing the prays along which they are moored, the boat to them being both a place of residence and subsistence. The women do the hardest portion of the work, and it is a common thing to see a woman pull an oar and steer at the same time, having an infant strapped on her back. The youngsters seem quite contented and happy in their position, and it is a rare thing to hear one cry; and yet they get pretty well shaken while the woman is rowing. I have also seen them asleep while their little heads would be jerked backward and forwards at the imminent risk of having their necks broken. The woman is generally the best "man" in the boat, and does all the piddie or business, and like her European sisters, does most of the talking as well.

There are two daily newspapers, the *China Mail*, published in the evening, and the *Hongkong Press* in the morning. Both are well-written and conducted. Their remarks at present, especially on public affairs generally, and the education question in particular, are studied by the European population with great interest. The Governor and the Catholic bishop come in for some hard knocks from them, especially on the education question. There are also two Chinese papers, issued respectively by the proprietors of the two English journals mentioned, and which are edited and published by Chinese. In fact, both the *Mail* and *Press* composers and press hands, with the exception of a few Portuguese compositors, are Chinese, and their "proofs" are generally pretty clean. Their "picking-up" is necessarily very slow, especially when "setting" from manuscript copy. Reprint they "set" very fairly. The best Chinese hands get about 15 dols. per month, which is remarkably good pay for John. They are also capital bookbinders and rulers, and consequently are very handy about a newspaper office.

During our stay in port we witnessed the Chinese New Year festival, which commenced on the afternoon of 1st February. At night commenced the season when the sons of Ham employ all their energies in exploding crackers and eating pop, and although we were lying fully a mile from Hongkong, the din made by the continuous discharge of crackers was plainly audible. The Chinese new year is also the grand settling day for the twelve months—a time when rates of interest are high, pawnbrokers in great request, robberies frequent, and struggling tradesmen come suddenly to grief. For a week or more before the new year the ships and steamers in harbour are crowded with hawkers of ivory, Japanware, curios, clothes, boots—in fact, all descriptions of trade, eager to sell at almost any figure, so long as they get the dollar. John will come up to you and say, "Me make welly cheap bargain, China new year." If you ask him how much for a certain article, he will probably ask you three times as much as he very often gets. If he fails in driving a bargain he will likely ask you, "You gotte sayin, me makee changee." (old seems to have a great fascination for them, for if you show one they will hang on to the purse, when he will sigh and say, "Me makee loss 30 cents," or some other amount. John is a good discerning character, and acts on it. I have seen one man buy an article for half the amount paid a short time before by another for a similar article.

China.

—SHANGHAI.
(N. C. D. News.)

The French gunboat *Surprise* arrived yesterday (July 29th).

We are informed that the steamer *Encounter*, the winner of this season's tea race, left London for Shanghai, on Saturday last (July 28th).

The water of the Yangtze is still rising. On the 26th the mark at Hankow was 47 feet, having risen nearly six inches in one day.

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Kiangnan*, reports that on her downward passage from Hankow she passed the steamer *Hanyang* ashore at Collinson Island.

We hear that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. have withdrawn their agency at Wenchow, a fact that would seem to indicate that the newly-opened port has not yet come up to the expectations of the mercantile community. The steamers *Europe* and *Taiyue* instead of each calling there every alternate trip to Foochow, are it is said, to call about once a month. The *Europe*, on her last trip, left Wenchow with the old *Waterwitch* in tow, intending to bring her back to Shanghai. But in proceeding down the river, the hulk grounded on a sandbank and began to fill with water. It was deemed futile to attempt to get her off, and the *Europe* left her. It is said that her internal fittings will be saved, and then her hull will be sold by auction.

Early yesterday morning (July 28th) Captain Hall, of the British schooner *Mount Lebanon*, and his chief officer, narrowly escaped drowning in the Hwangpoo. The vessel is lying in the lower limits, and at six o'clock they took a sampan from one of the Hongkew jetties to go on board. They had proceeded a considerable distance down the river, when they were overtaken by a tugboat towing the barque *John Potts*. Captain Hall having occasion to speak to Captain McPherson, commander of the barque, a line was thrown to the sampan with the intention of bringing it alongside the tugboat; but the sudden strain on the sampan oversteer it, and the three occupants were plunged into the water. Fortunately, the men on board other ships near, saw the mishap, and boats and sampans from them and also from the *John Potts*, were quickly sent to the rescue. Both Captain Hall and his chief officer were good swimmers, and to that fact they chiefly owe their lives. The former was the first to appear at the surface, and after supporting himself for some little time by clinging to the sampan, he was taken on board one of the boats; but the chief officer remained so long under water, that it was feared he was drowned. However, he came up at last, when nearly all hope was gone, in a dreadful condition, his head and face being covered with blood, which had oozed from ears, to nose, and mouth. Captain Hall himself gripped the drowning man, and prevented him again sinking. The sampan crew saved himself by clinging to

his overturned boat. Captain Hall says that so practical a lesson has convinced him of the danger of attempting to "hitch" a sampan to a tugboat, standing at seven miles an hour.

CHINKING.

A correspondent writes to us from this port, as follows:—"The current of the Yangtze running so strong as it does here, it was found impossible for the *Hanyang's* hulk to be brought to the Customs jetty to discharge. The cargo had therefore to be discharged in open boats and landed on the open bund for examination. As the Customs have no shed here large enough for this sort of work, goods remain nearly all day in the open and in all sorts of weather. Almost as soon as the *Hanyang* had discharged all her cargo on to the bund, it came on to rain heavily, and the consequence was that nearly half of it was damaged. I was a shipper by the *Hanyang*, and my goods were rendered unmarketable, and through having to be kept in the open and getting wet by reason of the obstructions put in the way of the *Hanyang's* hulk. Who is to pay for such loss? The steamer cannot possibly get freight under such circumstances, and in this way British trade on the river is being interfered with and obstructed. The Customs will not allow any vessel to discharge any cargo alongside the British Concession. Now what was the Concession granted for, unless to serve the interests of merchants and shippers? What would the Shanghai folks say if all their goods had to be openly exposed on the Shanghai bund as each steamer arrived or departed? This is a matter where our Consuls should step in unless they wish to see all power wrested from them by non-professional individuals. I sincerely hope, on behalf of British trade generally, now that the matter has been so plainly put before the public, that some determined action will be taken by the Consuls, if they wish to prevent our British steamer at least being driven off the river through unnecessary obstruction to trade."

—N. C. D. News.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 6, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$592½ a 500 credit, —
" Old Patna, cash, — None credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 587½ a 570 credit, —
" Old Benares, cash, None credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 800 credit, 805
" Allowance Tael, 6 a 12
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —
" Allowance Tael, —

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 3/4
" 30 days' sight, 3/8
" 6 months' sight, 3/10 a 8/10
Credits, 3/10
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8/10
Bombay, demand Rupees, 254
Calcutta, 723
Shanghai, demand, 723
" 30 days, 404
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. Z., 8 1/2
Sycee, 8 1/2
Mexicans, 26.50
Gold Leaf, 5.25
English Sovereigns, 5.23
Australian Sovereigns, 8 to 9 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 82 % prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,350
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,425
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 655
Chinese Insurance Co., \$210
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,050
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$850
China Fire Ins. Co., \$240
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 17 % prem.
H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., 37 % prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21
Hongkong Gas Co., \$90
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$58
China Sugar Refining Co., \$42 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, £103.10,
Do. of 1877, 4107.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, August 6, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.032
Do. 1 P.M. 30.010
Do. 4 P.M. 30.000
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 81
Do. 1 P.M. 82
Do. 4 P.M. 82
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 78
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 78
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 78
Do. Maximum 84
Do. Minimum over night—80

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)
 CUT LOAF SUGAR.
 GUNDE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).
 CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.
 FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.
 MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.
 FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.
 COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lbs.
 GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.
 SPIRITS OF WINE AND LAMP SPIRIT.
 RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.
 ANIMAL CHARCOAL AND DUST.
 AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.
 BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).
 ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER, CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED, East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to GAS COMPANY, West Point.

Hongkong, June 10, 1878.

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and ONE ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c. Complete. Apply to D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

To Let.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

A THREE-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road East (Spring Gardens). Water laid on.

Apply to D. NOWROJEE, HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, THE BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East.

HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The basement, together with First Floor, or separate if desired, with possession on the 1st July.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st of August.

As also, The DWELLING HOUSE to the Eastward of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two or three Rooms to suit convenience, with immediate possession. Fine spacious Verandah looking on to Harbour.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

For particulars, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

Houses No. 4, and 6, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Halls.

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Singapore, Penang, Point de Galie, Aden, Suva, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London direct.

Also, Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship SURAT, Captain G. C. BURNES, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 10th August, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendant, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICE.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE above has pleasure to inform the public of Hongkong that he has obtained the assistance of Mr Griffith (for many years manager and principal operator to Mr Saunders of Shanghai), and having carefully arranged the light of his New Studio and secured the newest and best appliances for obtaining the highest excellence in his work, he is now ready to produce all the Latest Novelties in Photographic Portraiture.—A large and varied Assortment of Views always ready. Superior Enlargements made at shortest notice.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 8th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 15th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, July 4, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW, Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 50% on the Premium.

FORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament. ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George—The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors. KWOK ACHONG, Merchant. PANG YIM, Merchant. HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant. LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant. LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant. CHEANG SING YONG, Merchant. CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up—Tls. 420,000. PERMANENT RESERVE FUND—230,000. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND—104,000. Total Capital and accumulations—Tls. 754,000.

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. M. P. EVANS, Esq. C. LUCAS, Esq. C. KRENS, Esq. Wm. METCALFE, Esq.

Secretaries: Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai. London Bankers: Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co. Agents in: HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

Subject to a charge of 1% for interest on Shareholders' Capital. All the PROFITS OF THE UNDERSIGNED BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1870.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Adria	Brit. str.	781	July 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bombay	Ab'den Dock
Alverton	Brit. str.	1088	July 23	Meyer & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	13th, 3 p.m.
Arcticon Apoa	Brit. str.	1392	Aug. 2	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Saigon	Laid up
Bellona	Brit. str.	738	July 31	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Bombay	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Saigon	To-day
Camooey	Brit. str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Saigon	To-day
City of Santiago	Brit. str.	1296	Aug. 4	Melchers & Co.	Yokohama & Hio	To-day
Conquest	Brit. str.	317	Aug. 1	Kwong Lee Yuen	Hiohow & Haiphong	To-day
Djemnah	Brit. str.	2416	Aug. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-day
Elga	Brit. str.	999	Aug. 4	Nam Hing	Swatow and Amoy	To-day
Fame	Brit. str.	117	.....	H. K. & W. Poo Dock Co.	Ningpo	To-day
Fernatower	Brit. str.	700	Aug. 3	Bun Hin & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Fitzpatrick	Brit. str.	597	April 18	Gee Chong Hong	Shanghai	To-day
Heperia	Brit. str.	1038	July 26	Siemssen & Co.	Hiohow & Haiphong	To-day
Imbat	Brit. str.	868	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Hiohow & Haiphong	To-day
Karo	Brit. str.	979	July 27	Meyer & Co.	Hiohow & Haiphong	To-day
Kienchow	Brit. str.	.....	.....	Kwok Acheong	Coast Ports	To-day
Kwangtung	Brit. str.	675	Aug. 4	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Manila	To-day
Leyte	Brit. str.	331	July 30	Russell & Co.	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Lorne	Brit. str.	1035	July 1	Melchers & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Madras	Brit. str.	1079	June 30	Hop Kee	Y'ham & S. P'clao	To-day
Mayenne	Brit. str.	.....	.....	.....	Swatow	To-day
Moray	Brit. str.	.....	.....	.....	Manila	To-day
Norden	Brit. str.	778	July 28	Wm. Pustau & Co.	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Norna	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Bangkok	To-day
Olympia	Brit. str.	8700	July 20	O. & S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. P'clao	To-day
Pargua	Brit. str.	777	Aug. 3	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	To-day
Parnes	Brit. str.	402	July 15	Remedios & Co.	Manila	To-day
Pernambuco	Brit. str.	1014	July 23	Kwong Wing Shun	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Rajantathaghar	Brit. str.	643	Aug. 5	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Rajantathaghar	Brit. str.	938	July 24	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-day
Sea Gull	Amer. str.	43	July 18	W. H. Ray	Tamsui, &c.	To-day
Taiwan	Amer. str.	408	Aug. 4	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Yangtze	Brit. str.	782	June 28	Siemssen & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Yotung	Brit. str.	286	Aug. 4	Kwok Acheong	Haiphong	To-day
Zamboanga	Span. str.	651	July 29	Landstein & Co.	Haiphong	To-day

Sailing Vessels							
Albert Russell	7	c	Carver	Amer. bge.	782	July 15	Russell & Co.
Alice D. Cooper	5	h	Humphrey	Amer. sh.	1383	July 24	Captain
Alva	3	k	Gales	Port. sh.	631	July 16	Brandao & Co.
Annie Lowry	4	c	Souza	Brit. bge.	762	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Anton Gunther	2	k	Kuhn	Ger. bge.	440	July 14	Eduard Schellhass & Co.
Arabia	8	c	Klaenfoth	Brit. sh.	1188	Aug. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Athens	8	c	Findlay	Brit. bge.	605	July 16	Borneo Company, Limited
B. von Middelburg	4	k	Blanker	Dutch bge.	628	June 17	Siemssen & Co.
Beethoven	3	k	Haje	Ger. bge.	340	Aug. 1	Melchers & Co.
Benefactor	8	c	Hayden	Amer. bge.	596	Aug. 2	Russell & Co.
Bertie Bigelow	2	k	Ferguson	Brit. sh.	1142	July 20	Meyer & Co.
Blissie Perica	2	k	Taccredi	Ital. bge.	869	Aug. 3	D. Musso & Co.
Bua Cao	2	h	Lange	Siam. bge.	888	July 25	Yuen Fat Hong
Bua Pan	2	c	Muller	Siam. sh.	874	July 28	Kin-tye-long
C. L. Pearson	3	c	Shuman	Amer. Sm. sh.	618	June 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Carl	3	k	Thomson	Ger. bge.	681	Aug. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Ceylon	3	k	Kelly	Amer. bge.	609	June 11	Olyphant & Co.
Channel Queen	3	k	Lalochan	Brit. bge.	609	June 11	Eduard Schellhass & Co.
Charité	2	k	Hervé	Foh. bge.	256	Aug. 3	Carlowitz & Co.
Charlotte Andrews	3	c	Place	Brit. bge.	338	June 19	Rozario & Co.
Charon Wattana	2	h	Ulrich	Siam. sh.	950	Aug. 1	Chinese
Chardan	4	k	Kossow	Ger. sch.	280	Aug. 1	Wieler & Co.
Chocoma	3	k	Kennett	Brit. bge.	284	Aug. 6	Chinese
Corran	8	h	Cromwell	Amer. sch.	138	July 18	W. H. Ray
Corrientes	7	c	Jones	Brit. bge.	698	Aug. 1	Olyphant & Co.
Cresswell	3	k	White	Brit. bge.	404	July 22	Wieler & Co.
Dirigo	7	c	Staples	Amer. bge.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Echo	4	k	Tozer	Brit. bge.	360	Aug. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Elizabeth	4	k	Uhlsen	Ger. bge.	447	Aug. 4	Wieler & Co.
Elvetico	6	k	Fondini	Ital. bge.	646	Aug. 2	Order
Fair Leader	1	k	Morris	Brit. bge.	497	June 16	Russell & Co.
Florence Nightingale	4	k	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	464	Aug. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Fortenay	5	c	Taylor	Brit. sh.	635	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Franklin	7	c	Bruneau	Foh. bge.	553	Aug. 2	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Frederick	2	c	Kernode	Brit. bge.	909	May 30	Norton & Co.
Friederich	4	h	Dau	Ger. bge.	694	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.
Glamorganshire	4	k	McEachern	Brit. bge.	456	Aug.	Kin-tye-long
Gollah	1	h	Montzau	Siam. bge.	542	July 11	Chinese
H. Printzenberg	3	k	Sabensmann	Ger. bge.	558	Aug. 8	Melchers & Co.
Haythorn	4	k	Mead	Brit. bge.	296	Aug. 1	Wieler & Co.
Hilander	1	k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1382	June 19	Captain
Hiram Emory	7	c	Wynnan	Amer. bge.	799	July 12	Russell & Co.
Jessie Jamieson	3	c	West	Brit. bge.	504	July 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.
Josephus	3	c	Rogers	Amer. sh.	1470	July 15	Russell & Co.
Kate Tatham	3	k	Pitkethly	Brit. bge.	275	July 4	Adamsen, Bell & Co.
Kenton	3	k	Colvin	Brit. bge.	667	June 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Landseer	3	k	Knowles	Amer. sh.	1418	July 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.
Lodore	2	k	Jones	Brit. sh.	860	June 19	Meyer & Co.
Lottie Moore	3	c	Hudson	Amer. bge.	880	July 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Madeleine	3	c	Pateau	Foh. bge.	416	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Manila H.	1	k	Ginner	Ger. bge.	515	Aug. 5	Wm. Pustau & Co.
Marco Polo	3	k	Brechwaldt	Ger. bge.	358	Aug. 3	Wieler & Co.
Marquis of Argyle	5	k	McKeon	Brit. bge.	500	June 26	Rozario & Co.
Marie Louise	4	k	Guiboux	Foh. bge.	684	July 4	Carlowitz & Co.
May	4	k	Plumley	Brit. Sm. sh.	237	Aug. 4	Jyphath & Co.
McNear	7	c	Taylor	Amer. sh.	1308	July 22	Butterfield & Swire
Mercur	4	k	Borgwardt	Ger. bge.	489	July 1	Wm. Pustau & Co.
Moneta	7	c	Bisset	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 10	O. & S. S. Co.
Morning Star	1	c	Michaelsen	Siam. bge.	575	July 30	Chinese
Moss Glen	4	k	Carson	Brit. bge.	549	May 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Oscar	3	k	Windhorst	Ger. bge.	736	July 2	Melchers & Co.
Papa	3	k	Bloue	Ger. bge.	891	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.
Peiho	4	k	Christensen	Ger. bge.	280	Aug. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Per Ardua	2	k	Worington	Brit. bge.	549	July 29	Melchers & Co.
Pheton	3	k	Taggart	Brit. bge.	740	June 14	Meyer & Co.
Phillip Fitzpatrick	3	k	Schoel	Brit. bge.	676	July 12	Wieler & Co.
Prince Amadeo	3	k	Phelan	Amer. bge.	582	July 14	Chinese
Princess Louis	7	c	Linskill	Brit. sh.	1602	July 30	Messageries Maritimes
Queen of the Seas	2	k	Moore	Brit. sh.	1329	July 29	Olyphant & Co.
Rapid	1	k	Harrison	Brit. bge.	442	July 12	Order
Rideman	2	h	Rinsbring	Siam. bge.	462	Aug. 5	Chinese
S. Vaughan	4	k	Bishop	Brit. bge.	718	June 3	Rozario & Co.
San Francisco	3	k	Porter	Brit. sh.	940	July 26	Order
Sarah Bell	5	k	Lamcken	Ger. sch.	264	July 18	Siemssen & Co.
Silas Fish	2	k	Ditchburn	Brit. bge.	812	July 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Sir Charles Napier	3	k	Williams	Amer. bge.	702	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Sir Harry Parkes	2	k	French	Brit. sh.	1181	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
Sumatra	3	k	Chapman	Brit. sh.	816	May 22	Meyer & Co.
Summer M. Read	3	k	O'ough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.
Ta Hong Kong	1	k	Dixon	Amer. sh.	1117	July 16	Insurance Company
Tartar	2	k	Buthmann	Siam. sh.	638	July 6	Yuen Fat Hong
Taunton	2	k	Rasmussen	Ger. bge.	265	Aug. 4	Melchers & Co.
Tay Watt	2	k	Armstrong	Brit. sh.	687	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.
The Tweed	1	h	Agence	Siam. bge.	1000	Aug. 5	Chinese
Thoon Kramon	2	k	Edce	Brit. sh.	1745	July 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Tobates	7	c	Forrest	Siam. bge.	474	July 29	Siemssen & Co.
Febrina	2	k	Harrison	Brit. bge.	805	June 2	Rozario & Co.
William Phillips	4	k	Goldar	Brit. bge.	948	June 19	Olyphant & Co.
William Turner	4	k	Healy	Amer. bge.	593	Aug. 9	Russell & Co.
			Vandervord	Brit. bge.	431	Aug. 9	Rozario & Co.
WHAMPOA							
Rebecca			Thomson	Get. bge.	265	Aug. 3	Wm. Pustau & Co.
St. Idene			Durand	Foh. bge.	388	July 24	Carlowitz & Co.
Vesta			Dicks	Ger. bge.	802		Melchers & Co.
CANTON							
Ninso			Cass	Brit. sh.	761	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.
							Shanghai